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## GOAL STATEMENT

*"To achieve and maintain a quality of the environment including air, water and land that will protect human health and the ecosystem and will contribute to the well-being of the people of Ontario."*

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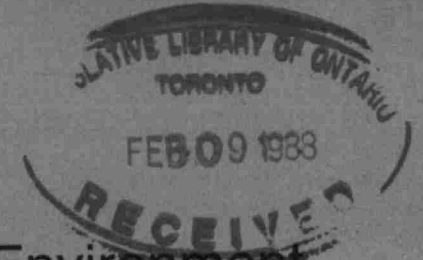
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# ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

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Environment Ontario's Research Program supports the development and funding of innovative environmental research.

Funding is available to universities, environmental consultants and other agencies whose projects meet the criteria of the program. Environment Ontario also cooperates with other agencies in funding research.

In the current year, 76 researchers received awards in amounts ranging from \$9,000 to over \$400,000 for projects lasting up to three years.

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## RESEARCH PRIORITIES:

The Research Advisory Committee (R.A.C.), annually produces "Research Needs", a document which provides researchers with a list of Environment Ontario's research requirements. These requirements are divided into five areas.

- *Air Quality*
- *Water Quality*
- *Liquid and Solid Wastes*
- *Analytical Methods Development*
- *Socio-Economic Research*

Research gaps are identified and needs listed under categories and major issues. This document allows researchers to examine the research priorities of the ministry, and ensures that the available research funds are appropriately allocated. Proposals for innovative research not listed in the "Research Needs" report may also be considered if the need for such research can be demonstrated.

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## SUBMISSION AND REVIEW:

There are two annual submission deadlines for proposals, **January 15 and June 15**. Researchers are encouraged to submit their proposals in advance of these deadlines to ensure sufficient time for review.

The original proposal and five copies must be submitted with a completed application (Form 02).

Once received, proposals are subjected to a thorough technical review and evaluation. In addition, they are examined to ensure that they are consistent with the policies, goals and objectives of Environment Ontario.

The R.A.C. meets in April and September to make recommendations on the funding of proposals. Applicants will generally be notified of the outcome within two to five weeks of these meetings.

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## RESEARCH MONITORING:

Successful grant or contract recipients will each be assigned a project liaison officer who is the primary contact with the researcher. The liaison officer is also responsible for ensuring that budgetary and reporting requirements are met.

Research performance and progress will be evaluated using written progress reports which must be submitted by the researcher every six months. In addition, grant recipients must provide a statement of expenditures at the end of each fiscal year.

An annual research inventory of successful ongoing projects is available to the public in report form.

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## TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER:

Following completion of research, results must be detailed in an approved report within a reasonable period of time.

Environment Ontario sponsors an annual Technology Transfer Conference. Researchers are requested to present their progress and findings at that conference so results may be shared throughout the scientific and technical communities.

Papers presented at the conference are compiled by subject, published in five volumes and made available to the public through regular government outlets. All papers presented at each conference are also available in a single volume of abstracts.

Researchers are encouraged to publish their results in professional journals.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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